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BALTIMORE MAN SENTENCED TO 63 MONTHS FOR BANK ROBBERY

BALTIMORE, Maryland - Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced today that Robert Plott, age 50, of Baltimore, Maryland was sentenced today by United States District Court Judge William D. Quarles to serve 63 months in prison for three counts of bank robbery followed by 3 years of supervised release. Judge Quarles also ordered Plott to pay restitution to the banks he robbed.

According to the statement of facts presented to the court as part of his plea agreement, between October 15 and 27, 2003, Plott committed three bank robberies in downtown Baltimore City at the following locations: Provident Bank at 114 East Lexington Street and the Susquehanna Bank at 22 Light Street (robbed twice). In each robbery, Plott presented the bank tellers with hold-up notes demanding cash. During the first robbery, the teller handed Plott approximately \$580 in U.S. currency from her cash drawer. Plott then handed her back a single \$100 bill and asked for change – five \$20 bills. The teller complied with this request. Plott then took the proceeds of his robbery and fled the bank on foot.

Plott committed the second and third robberies in a similar fashion, using notes and asking

for change for a \$100 bill. He escaped with approximately \$1000 and \$222, respectively. However, shortly after leaving the bank following his third robbery on October 27, 2003, a dye-pack exploded in Plott's pocket, allowing the police to locate and arrest him. Plott eventually confessed to all three robberies.

This case was investigated by the Baltimore City Police Department and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michael Leotta.